



By Richard Harris

Let us have a period of mourning before the regular gab fest, for now comes the dreadful period of the year when we must say good-bye to the great ninth grade athletes upon whom we have depended so greatly.

It is a shame to part with such great football, basketball, swimming, and track stars, but it is also inevitable. Despite the staggering blow dealt to us and the gym teachers, you can be sure that the ninth graders of next year, such as Gus Koerner, Buddy Ives, and countless others, will come to our rescue.

Meanwhile we can concentrate on the results of recent sports, the results of the track and field meet, for instance. I think the track boys really did well. Why, they placed first in 50% of the events entered!

Oh, no! We have a mystery on hand. One of Pershing's gym classes would like to know who the Phantom Eraser Fiend is. It seems as though their instructor had written "Don't dress. Line up outside," on the board one Tuesday, because this was the day for health class. But, when the boys started coming in the door the writing that greeted them shouted out "Dress. Line up inside." By the time the coach discovered what had

More on Movie Stars

By Sherry Evans

Calling all movie fans! Calling all movie fans! Three Pershingites know personally or have met Ava Gardner, Frank Sinatra, Gail Storm, Jose Iturbi, and Ann Miller!

According to eighth graders Charlotte Gouldson, Linda Hudson, and Betsy Caldwell, it was about a year ago that they met and interviewed gorgeous Ann Miller, a former Houstonian. The girls invited Ann to their homeroom party but, due to previous commitments, she was unable to attend the affair. Miss Miller gave the girls an autographed photograph of herself and invited them to come up to her room in the Shamrock Hotel. Of course you know what their answer was! The three girls agreed that the experience was one of the most thrilling they had ever encountered. (And who doubts it?)

But these girls, being bold Texans, as well as Pershingites, did not stop at knowing just one celebrity. Perish the thought!

Linda is a very good friend of that "master of the ivory keys," Jose Iturbi, and was invited by him to spend a month at his California home this year. But ol' devil school interfered and Linda sadly declined the invitation.

Another lucky member of the group is Charlotte Gouldson, who reports that she is a personal friend of Ava Gardner (she has a letter from the lovely lady to prove it), and has met Ava's handsome hubby, crooner, Frank Sinatra. As a matter of fact, she accompanied him to his singing lesson once. How does she do it?

Charlotte met Ava while on a tour of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio in California. How do you suppose she obtained a pass to tour the studio? From another friend, famous Gail Storm, seen regularly on television in the "My Little Margie" series. Miss Storm is married to Lee Bonell, and they have three sons, Peter, Phillip and Paul. Miss Storm is also a former Houstonian.

Well, enough "cooing" and "ah-ing" for now. Get your eyes back in their sockets (if you can) and settle back to your "hum-drum" existence—and whose isn't, in comparison to such goings on?

happened, the harm had already been done.

Woe be to the Phantom Eraser Fiend if his identity is discovered.

And now we come to another congratulation. This one goes to the homeroom boys' softball teams who won the intramurals. These homerooms are: L-7, M. O. Jones; H-7, Williams; L-8, Bender; H-8, Thomasson; L-9, Malone; and H-9, Rossion.

If your homeroom didn't win, don't worry; there's always next year.

Now comes the time for me to say good-bye to my readers, few as they may be. You can be thankful that you won't find this column cluttering up the sports page of the CHATTER during the summer months, as there won't be any CHATTER. Let me remind you, though, that I'll be back when school and your CHATTER returns.

Pershing Wins Swim Title

By Richard Harris

Track Teams Place Second in City

Pershing's track teams placed second in the all city track and field meet, which was held at the high school stadium, after many practice meets. It was held the night of May 4.

Although they did not place first, the track boys made a good showing. The old boys (14 and over) placed first in the 600 yard relay, the 220 yard dash, and the high jump.

In the younger boys' division, (under 14 years old), Pershing placed first in the 100 yard dash, 440 yard relay, and the shot put. When the fact is brought out that Pershing entered twelve events, you can see that our boys won one-half of the events entered.

In all of the city Pershing was topped only by Lanier and Johnston, and even though the track boys didn't take top place you can be sure we are very proud of them.

Pershing swimmers had the other swimmers well in their wake as the younger boys walked, or rather swam off with the all-city title. The older boys missed receiving an all city title by the narrow margin of three points, Friday, May 15, at the Rice Hotel.

There were many preliminary meets to decide who would swim in the all city meet.

The winning of the title seems even more amazing when you consider that the other schools had more boys in the meet than Pershing and one of our relays was disqualified because of a fast start.

If any of the swimmers is to be pointed out as the one who furnished the greatest "spark," this person is Delber Turner.

Delber is in the younger boys division of the diving contest.

Also in the younger boy diving contest, Carlton Harriman placed second.

In the older boys division of the diving, Charles Teas placed first, Jack Saunders placed second, and Pat Casseday placed third.

Pershing can be thankful that it has such fine swimmers and a grand coach like Mr. Gross to get and keep them that way.

Last Intramurals Of the Year Played

Ninth grade girls softball intramurals are almost finished, but at the time the "Chatter" goes to press, the champion is still unknown. The playoff is between Skinner, who won over Hornak, and Leggett, who won over Lord. The seventh and eighth grades are just beginning their intramurals, so no information is available.



By Karen Kamin

Hi there Pandas! What's cooking in the fashion world?

Of course, as we all know, it's very hot in Houston—naturally we all want to be cool. So, of course, we turn to sun dresses.

Some sun dresses are just perfect for school.

For the feet, even though loafers are sort of out of style, white suede loafers are going strong! If you can just keep them clean, they are great to wear.

Let's skip over to some hair fashions. Very short is still the style. Bows are being worn in the hair—seems to be the latest fad.

It looks like the disks are losing out to ribbons and pearls. We see them being worn with the summer blouses to complement the lower cut neck lines.

That's about all from—fads and fashions—for this year, Pandas; see you next year—

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I, Bill Brewster, will my wonderful grades in algebra to Lowell Hill.

I, Arlene Strong, being of sound mind, will to my little brother, Donnie, my understanding and swell teachers, because they have had to put up with me.

I, Louis "Saint" Germain, will my skill in Mrs. McLure's algebra class to my brother.

I, Bobby Stampp, will my liking for Mrs. Brannen to all of the other poor kids taking Spanish next year.

I, Lynn Smelly, being of not so sound mind, will to any unsuspecting seventh grader my place on the bench at Monkey Hill. (Have fun!)

I, Terri Van Wagner, being of completely Shredded Ralston, will my old dilapidated, much used CHATTER press card to Ann Ech-

ols, so she can throw her second hand admit away.

I, Sabra Stratton, will all of my homework I have had for the past three years to anyone who wants it! Especially Norma Imbt!

I, Sue Stolz, being of sound (?) mind, will all my wonderful times in the halls of Pershing to my brother (?) Bob Barnett.

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Legion Winners Receive Awards

Highest Honors For Junior High Go To Ben Lanford and Judy Whitehurst

The highest honor that can go to a junior high student was bestowed upon four outstanding Pershing students in the school auditorium on May 26, when the American Legion medals and awards were presented.

Students receiving the medals were Ben Lanford and Judy Whitehurst, who were selected as the outstanding boy and girl of their class. Runners-up and receiving special awards were Tom Mayor and Bonnie van Griethuysen.

Presentations of the awards were made by representatives of the American Legion in a special assembly program.

Ben Lanford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lanford of 2927 University. A record of scholarship and service to his school has accompanied Ben all the way through his three years at Pershing. His long list of honors include several scholarships, membership in both the National Honor Society and the Student Council, Ben has also served as cashier in the Cafeteria for the past year and has held many offices in various organizations about the school.

Judy Whitehurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whitehurst of 4624 Evergreen, has also proved herself outstanding during her years at Pershing. Judy's participation and leadership in the many organizations and activities about the school is proof of her right to this honor. She has been vice president of the ninth grade class, secretary of the National Honor Society, eighth grade sweetheart and has held several offices in her homeroom. Besides these many honors, she was also queen of the 1954 May Fete and for the past year was the editor-in-chief of the

school paper, the PERSHING CHATTER.

Tom Mayor, runner up for the boys medal, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mayor of 2501 Dryden. His ability and his popularity have been responsible for Tom's fine record. Tom has been ninth grade class president, vice president of the Student Council and has lettered in many sports. He has also been an escort in two May Fetes, 1952 and 1954.

Bonnie van Griethuysen, runner up for the girls legion medal, is another example of the kind of student a school likes to brag about. Bonnie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. van Griethuysen of 3603 Underwood. Among the many honors we find to Bonnie's credit are five scholarships, associate editor of the CHATTER, and Honor Society member. She was also a duchess in the May Fete last year and has held many offices in her homeroom.



King Stewart Weigand crowns Queen Judy Whitehurst of the 1954 May Fete. Photo by Harvey Wheeler

LOW SEVENS WELCOMED

On June 2, 1954, Pershing will welcome the 585 future low sevens to the school. At this time Mrs. McKinley and the Student Council will present an orientation program.

John Biggs, President of the Student Council will open the program with a welcome to the new students and their parents, after which will be music by the orchestra, directed by Mrs. Claire Patterson. Bob Joranson the newly elected councilman-at-large will introduce faculty members. Tom Mayor, vice president of the student Council, will assist in introductions.

Following the introductions, the cheerleaders will lead the group in the Pershing School Song and favorite yells. Mack Kidd, new councilman-at-large, will talk on "Your Success in Junior High School."

After the presentation of each service club, brief descriptions of their respective clubs will be given. The Dramatic Club will then present "Hercules Night Out," directed by Mrs. Yvonne Wells.

As this part of the program is concluded, the Student Council will conduct a tour through the building for students from the eight schools (West University, Mark Twain, Roberts, Condit, Horn, Will Rogers, Cunningham, and Gordon).

The Chatter, in behalf of the entire student body, extends a sincere welcome to all new Pershingites.

Teen Agers Correspond

Mr. Thomasson's World History classes recently started corresponding with teen-agers in our own country and others.

The thought was that, now, since they were studying modern history, it would not only be fun, but interesting and helpful to correspond with teen-agers in other countries.

Mr. Thomasson secured a list from an agency of the places the students could write to. The countries were France, England, Scotland, Holland, Sweden, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Belgium, Greece, and any state in the U.S. The students could write to anyone from the age of 13 years to 17 years. Many have already written letters and are looking forward to answers.

VACATION TIME

We are looking ahead for pleasant things to begin in a few more days. Some are dreaming of mountains, lakes and fish; some of picnics, beaches and dancing. Whatever our plans, we are all anticipating a pleasant summer. I think most of you have earned the recreation that is ahead because you have worked hard to do a good job and you have helped make Pershing a better school. We wish for you a

happy, restful summer!

Some time this summer while you are day dreaming try to imagine what Pershing can be like if we all work together and plan together. There has never been a school that exciting but we can have it here. Come back in September with determination and ideas to make Pershing better than the best.

Happy vacation,
John A. Ratliff

Typist Take Trip

Eleven members of Mrs. Rollins' Typing Club visited the Prudential Building, Thursday, May 20 and were taken on a guided tour of the building, business offices, and personnel department. The guide, Miss Mock, showed the lobby, auditorium, and other points of beauty and interest about the building. The seven flags of the seven states serviced by the home office in Houston are displayed and a replica of the Rock of Gibraltar, weighing 300 lbs., was carved from stone taken from that famous fortress. There is a large mural in the lobby. A grand view of Houston was seen from the eighteenth floor.

In the services room, workers explained the electric typewriters, ediphone, and robot-typewriter. Some of the students listened to recordings, and others tried out the electric typewriters. Mrs. Anderson arranged the tour so that the students might talk with Mrs. Hightower from the personnel department. After a lecture, question-and-answer session, and interviews—the group was favorably impressed with Prudential and had learned much about how to apply for a job and received new ideas concerning the importance of accuracy in typing. The Prudential "family" was cordial and friendly.

Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Fleming accompanied the group and their sponsor. Those present were: Shirley Bridier, Ann Jones, Harriet Diamond, Angie Richards, Betsy Graham, Lynn Fleming, Penny Lee, Janice Meredith, Cynthia Berglund, Bill Blowster, and Bill Middleton.

Auditorium Lobby To Be Furnished

Furniture is being placed in front of the auditorium for teachers who do not have their rooms during their off period. This will enable the teachers to hold conferences with parents. The furniture is being placed in units so that many teachers may hold conferences at one time. Many organizations have expressed their interest in the plans, and it is hoped that the lobby will be completely decorated by next fall.